

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)

18. (previously presented) A refinish basecoat intermix system, comprising

(a) a plurality of color components each independently comprising at least one pigment dispersed by a polymeric material, and

(b) a pigment-free component containing an hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer that has a number average molecular weight of at least about 6000 and up to about 30,000, and further wherein the acrylic polymer is polymerized using at least about 45% by weight of a cycloaliphatic monomer, based on the total weight of monomers polymerized the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer,

wherein the color components are related such that a refinish basecoat composition of any desired color can be produced by combining the intermix system components.

19. (original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, wherein the intermix system comprises at least about 30 color components.

20. (original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, further comprising a component containing a crosslinker reactive with the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer.

21. (original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, wherein at least one color component comprises a polymeric material comprising the hydroxyl functional acrylic polymer.

22. (original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 18, comprising a color component comprising a carbon black pigment dispersed by at least the hydroxyl functional acrylic polymer.

23. (original) A refinish basecoat intermix system according to claim 22, wherein the hydroxyl functional acrylic polymer dispersing the carbon black pigment has amine functionality.

Claims 24-35(cancelled)

36. (new) A method of refinishing a substrate, comprising steps of:
(a) preparing a refinish basecoat composition using the intermix system of claim 18, wherein the refinish basecoat composition comprises the pigment-free component and at least one of the color components;

(b) applying to a desired area of the substrate a layer of the refinish basecoat composition;

(c) allowing the applied layer of basecoat composition to dry for up to about twenty minutes; and

(d) applying over the layer of basecoat composition a clearcoat composition.

37. (new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the clearcoat composition is thermosetting.

38. (new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the clearcoat composition comprises at least one material reactive with the acrylic polymer of the layer of basecoat composition.

39. (new) A method according to claim 38, wherein the material reactive with the acrylic polymer of the layer of basecoat composition comprises the isocyanurate of hexamethylene diisocyanate.

40. (new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the basecoat composition is dry to handle at about five minutes after application.

41. (new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the substrate is an automotive vehicle or a component of an automotive vehicle.

42. (new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the refinish basecoat composition comprises a sufficient amount of the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer so that the refinish basecoat composition is dry to handle by up to 20 minutes after application.

43. (new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the refinish basecoat composition comprises a sufficient amount of the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer so that the refinish basecoat composition is dry to handle by 10 minutes after application.

44. ((new) A method according to claim 36, wherein the refinish basecoat composition comprises a sufficient amount of the hydroxyl-functional acrylic polymer so that the refinish basecoat composition is dry to handle by 5 minutes after application.